

Richard O'Neal, Jr., House
1028 Elmwood Avenue
Columbia
Richland County
South Carolina

HABS No. SC-252
HABS
SC
40-COLUM
6-

PHOTOGRAPHS
WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

Historic American Buildings Survey
National Park Service
Eastern Office, Design and Construction
143 South Third Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

HABS No. SC-252

RICHARD O'NEAL, JR., HOUSE

HABS
SC
NO-COLUM
6-

Address: 1028 Elmwood Avenue, Columbia, Richland County,
South Carolina.

Owner: Building demolished 1961.

Use: Tenement apartments before demolition.

Brief Statement
of Significance: Elaborately decorated Victorian house.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. Original and subsequent owners: Richard O'Neal was the owner or occupant of the house when it was new. (The Columbia City Directory, 1875-1876, lists him at Elmwood Avenue at end of Assembly, and 1872 maps show no other houses here.) Real estate records could not be found as the house was outside the city limits. About 1920 the house belonged to the Eargle family. The Keenan Oil Company purchased it about 1960 and demolished it to erect a gas station.
2. Date of erection: Before 1872.
3. Known alterations and additions: Building converted to tenement apartments about 1940; demolished 1961.

- B. Historical Events and Persons Associated with the Building: Richard O'Neal, Jr., is listed as "Cotton Broker" in the Columbia City Directory, 1875-1876.

Prepared by Walter F. Petty
A.I.A. Preservation Officer
South Carolina Chapter
July 1961

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural character: Elaborately decorated Victorian house.
2. Condition of fabric: Demolished 1961.

B. Technical Description of Exterior:

1. Over-all dimensions and layout: About 40' x 60', one story, irregular shape.
2. Wall construction: Frame with horizontal clapboarding; some decorative shingles on gable ends.
3. Foundations: Raised off ground on brick piers; partially filled with filigreed brick masonry.
4. Structural system: Frame (post and beam system).
5. Porches: Very elaborate wooden porch with semicircular projecting end pavilions across front of house; two decorative pedimented gables over elaborate wooden arcade with "spindle work" on turned posts; railing of turned wooden balusters; new cinder-block stairs.
6. Chimneys: Three stuccoed brick chimneys and four fancy brick chimneys.
7. Openings:
 - a. Doorways and doors: Simple doorways and two-panel doors.
 - b. Windows and shutters: Double-hung wooden aash, two-over-two lights; louvered two-panel wooden shutters; bay window at right side, near front.
8. Roof:
 - a. Shape, covering: Intersecting gable roofs; pedimented gable ends at front over porch have decorative fancy work; decorative metal crestings along ridges of roof.
 - b. Cornice, eaves: Simple unmolded box cornice at front; fancy eaves on sides; plain molded cornice at rear.

C. Interior: Central hallway (front to rear); three rooms to left, five to right. (NOTE: Interior divided into tenement apartments, which were not available for inspection.)

D. Site:

1. Orientation: House faces southeast on main city street.
2. Outbuildings: Modern frame garage.

3. Landscaping and walks: Unpaved driveway at right side; cement sidewalk; grass; a few random-placed shrubs and small trees.

Prepared by James C. Massey, Architect
National Park Service
March 1961